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Until the Trump administration, there was bipartisan agreement that ICE enforcement actions should be prohibited from places like schools, day cares and hospitals. However, under the current administration, immigration enforcement is broad sweeping and indiscriminate. It has relied on racial profiling, excessive force, and negligence of human life. We are witnessing a public health crisis among immigrant communities including fear and trauma, family separations, detainment in inhumane conditions and deportation to life-threatening conditions. Immigrant families, regardless of their citizenship status, are afraid to leave their homes, go to school and work, and seek healthcare and social services. They live in constant fear of being separated from their families and having their basic freedoms stripped from them. We have all seen the violence, including public executions carried out by ICE agents, in Minneapolis against American citizens. We can not allow these same thugs to harm our communities here in Maine. While Maine does not have the authority to prohibit all immigration enforcement at places like schools, hospitals, and daycares, the state can put in place measures to ensure we are not actively permitting enforcement at these places. Under the Constitution, to enter non-public areas, law enforcement officers must either present a valid judicial warrant OR receive voluntary consent to enter. LD 2106 protects the rights and safety of vulnerable Maine residents, including children, workers at public schools, healthcare facilities, daycares, and libraries, and serves key public policy interests, including making sure all Maine children receive an education and public health information is freely shared. Please help protect our communities by passing this bill.